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CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Amendment is adopted.

CLERK: That is all Mr. President.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I move that LB14 be advanced to E & R for Engrossment.

PRESIDENT: Discussion? All those in favor say aye, contrary nay. The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President the next bill is 311. This bill was brought up just before lunch and I believe that the bill was then laid over there is pending Senator Chambers amendment found on page 1636.

PRESIDENT: Because so many members were absent just before lunch, the Senator Chambers will not be charged any time. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it won't take me long. I wish that you would turn to page 1636 of the Journal. The amendment does look lengthy but a part of it, I want to modify it myself and that would be to, there are several sub-sections to it and I would totally like to delete sub-section number two. That is done because as Senator Murphy pointed out a member of this Public Service Commission could own a farm or some operation from which he or she would derive income and that particular operation would have nothing to do with the areas being regulated by the commission. The purpose of this amendment is to deal primarily with the aspects of...you could call them freebies, that could be given too, or solicited by commissioners and influencing of their decisions would be the result. Although the amendment is very lengthy, the main thrust of it would be to be certain that they don't receive anything of value whose purpose is to influence their decision that any confidential material related to their decision making could not be revealed to anybody else and that they could not solicit or accept or agree to accept any compensation contingent upon state legislative, executive or administrative action or in-action. Then they couldn't hold any position which was not compatible to their position on this commission. The penalty would be that they would be subject to removal from office or discharged. It is not an automatic penalty that comes into play. The purpose of this amendment is to spell out in statutory language the policy that those who are on regulatory agencies should not receive gifts, favors, hospitalities, gratuities and what not from the agencies that they are to regulate. It does not put any restrictions on what any of these people can legitimately do, but it will put into statutory language what they ought not do. I talked to Senator Moylan about it and as of yet, other than this sub-section two, which I am asking to be stricken from the amendment, I haven't heard of any objection, so if there are some objections or questions, I will be available to answer or satisfy your mind at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moylan